



## **Sample Engine Idling Reduction Guidelines for Ski Areas** **(as recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services)**

**Purpose:** Motor vehicles, both diesel and gasoline, are the leading source of air pollution in New Hampshire and one of the primary contributors of greenhouse gas emissions. In order to preserve the natural environment by which we make our living, and to protect the health and well being of our employees and our customers, (company name) has chosen to adopt Engine Idling Reduction Guidelines. These guidelines are intended to protect the health of drivers, the public, and the environment from exposure to vehicle exhaust, reduce wear on vehicle engines, decrease fuel consumption, and minimize operational costs. The guidelines are also intended to ensure compliance with New Hampshire regulations establishing limits on idling time.

### **Guidelines:**

All persons operating vehicles in the course of doing business for or with (company name) will be asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

- If temperatures are above 32°, all drivers should turn off engines when they reach their destinations and when they expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
- During morning start-up, vehicles should idle no longer than necessary to bring them to proper operating temperature (generally 1 to 3 minutes in winter). Follow manufacturer's guidelines for proper warm-up and cool-down procedures.
- If idling is necessary, all drivers should limit idling time according to state regulations (Env-A 1100) as follows:

<i>Outside Temperature (Fahrenheit)</i>	<i>Idling Time limit</i>
Above 32°	5 minutes
Between -10° and 32°	15 minutes
Below -10°	no limit

Certain exemptions are provided in the state regulations to allow for the practical application of an idling policy for (company name). All employees and customers are encouraged to use common sense when applying these guidelines and the exemptions to specific situations. For example:

- School buses loading or unloading passengers may be required to have flashing lights operating which may necessitate idling of the vehicle.
- Some emergency equipment may be required to remain running at all times.
- Idling may sometimes be necessary to keep windshields free of ice and frost.
- Coach buses may need some extra idling time to heat up prior to pick up of passengers to provide for passenger comfort. However, under no circumstances should passenger buses that do not have passengers on board (not including the driver) or are about to pick up passengers be allowed to idle. (company name) commits to providing an area for bus drivers to relax while their passengers enjoy our area.

(company name) is proud to be part of efforts to reduce engine idling. All employees, particularly those that interact with the public, should inform customers and business partners of our idling policy and encourage them to follow these Guidelines.

For information on New Hampshire's regulations and idling reduction recommendations, contact Kathy Brockett at (603) 271-6284 or [kbrockett@des.state.nh.us](mailto:kbrockett@des.state.nh.us).

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